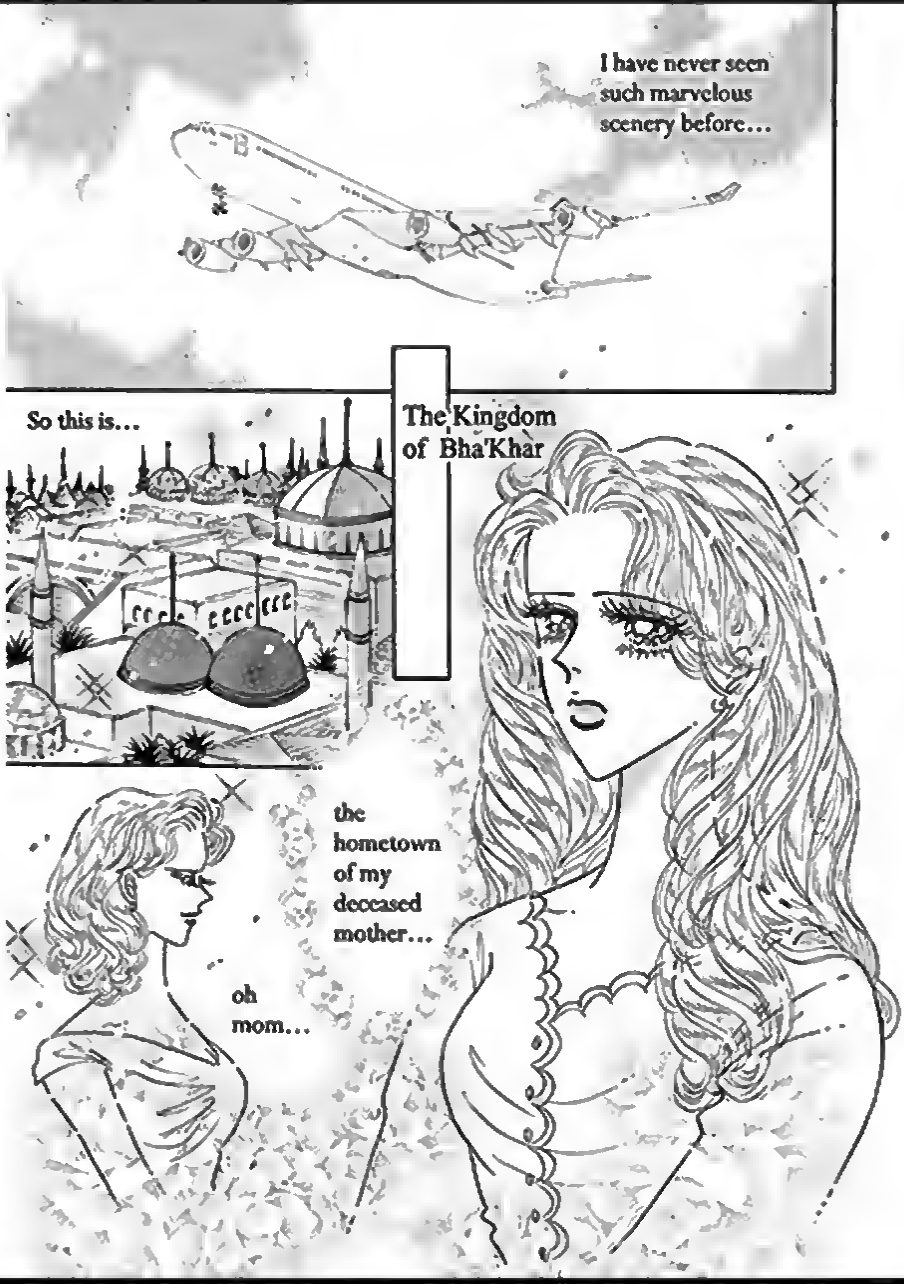
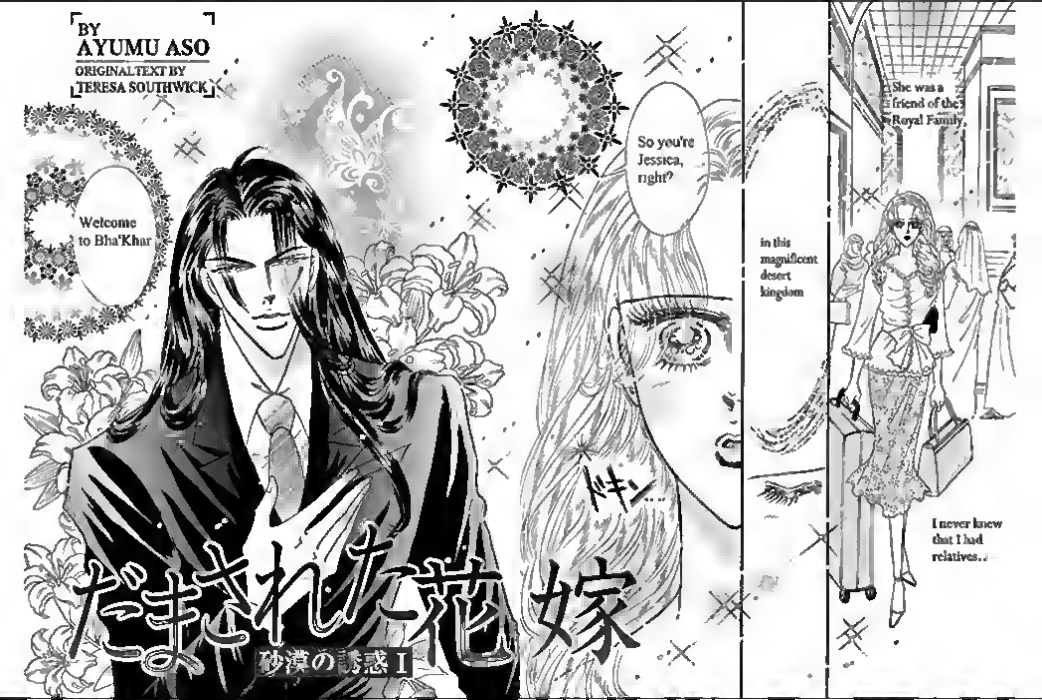
The Sheikh's Reluctant Bride


I have never seen such marvelous scenery before...
So this is...
The Kingdom of Bha'Khar
the hometown of my deceased mother...
oh mom...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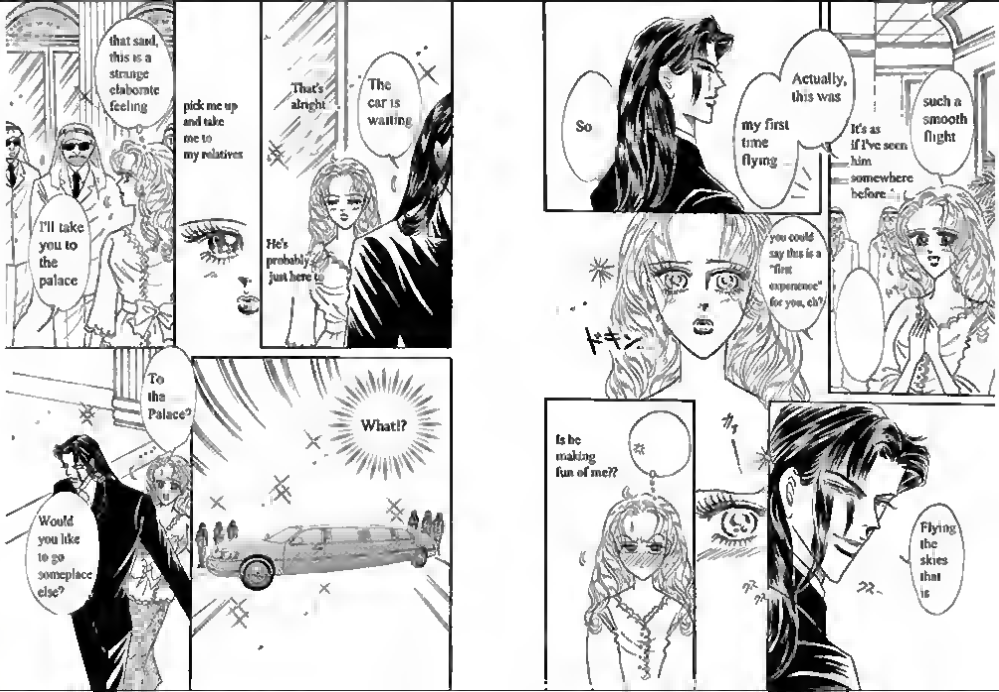
Welcome to Bha'Khar
So you're Jessica, right?
スキン…
She was a friend of the Royal Family.
in this magnificent desert kingdom
I never knew that I had relatives..
だまされた花嫁
砂漠の誘惑 I

How was your flight?
nice, charming guy...
Like right out of a furry tale...
This jet is one of the most comfortable around
A scar the shape of a moon on his cheek, such a perfect face...
he's so attractive
Um...
Yes
It was...

What a...

You're such a beautiful lady


that said, this is a strange elaborate feeling
I'll take you to the palace
pick me up and take me to my relatives
That's alright
The car is waiting
He's probably just here to
To the Palace?
Would you like to go someplace else?
What!?
So
Actually, this was my first time flying
It's as if I've seen him somewhere before...
such a smooth flight
you could say this is a "first experience" for you, eh?
ドキン
Is he making fun of me??
Flying the skies that is

I was raised in a run down apartment in Los Angeles, not in a palace
My mother passed away when I was 10 and I've been in an orphanage ever since
Even though I'm now 23 years old
I am...
but
You don't have to be afraid
I'm just that kind of lady
I don't know proper manners, not even the difference between a "fork" and a "fork(rf)"
Of course, those preparations have been made
I feel it would be best to see my relatives first
No
I won't be able to do that...
What should I do...?
Take it easy?
At the palace?
So please relax and take it easy
Why?
I guess I should just stay at a hotel instead
The Royal Family will surely be dissapointed with me

Your mother was the daughter of a very good friend of theirs
and they've been searching for you for quite some time
I thought I was alone all this time
to think someone has been thinking of me all that time
I'm so delighted
For me?
I can't believe it
Yes
What a kind smile
You're
exaggerating quite a bit
Jessica
The King & Queen are looking forward to meeting you

Sheikh Kardahl Houram
A Prince?
Kardahl
Yes, that's right!
Now I know why you seemed familiar
The famous...
Playboy Prince!

Um Would you mind if I asked what your name is?
Thank you
for so much
Excuse me
I didn't introduce myself
My name is Houram, the 2nd son of The King of Bha'Khar, Amaal
Huh?

Vows we both agreed to through an agent
Yes!
What is he talking about??
I don't...
You are my bride
Flirting with and swooning models, actresses, and beautiful women
having scandalous affairs is your "job", no?
Yes, of course
Somehow
those words don't seem to be complimentary
I think there must be some truth in all of that
But,
I wouldn't believe everything the tabloids tell you
Vows?
then why did you agree to make holy vows?
If you think of me
in such a low-manner

It's just that there were so many documents
No
There couldn't have been THAT many
You're right, I did sign this
Yes
Were you forced to?
and said that this was just about visiting relatives
said that the documents were of no major importance
Those close to the royal family that visited me
so I believed what they told me and signed them
but ...
I don't understand the language of Bha'Khar
I couldn't read the papers
What do you mean?
this must be a mistake
Kardahl
This is your signature, isn't it?
Marriage with a prince in this lovely palace!?

But why?
From your own will?
Yes, I did
Yes, that's correct

As the successor of the Kingdom of Bha'Khar
It is my duty to get married and have children

For a Playboy Prince
to agree to marry
someone you've never even met!

Because it is my destiny.

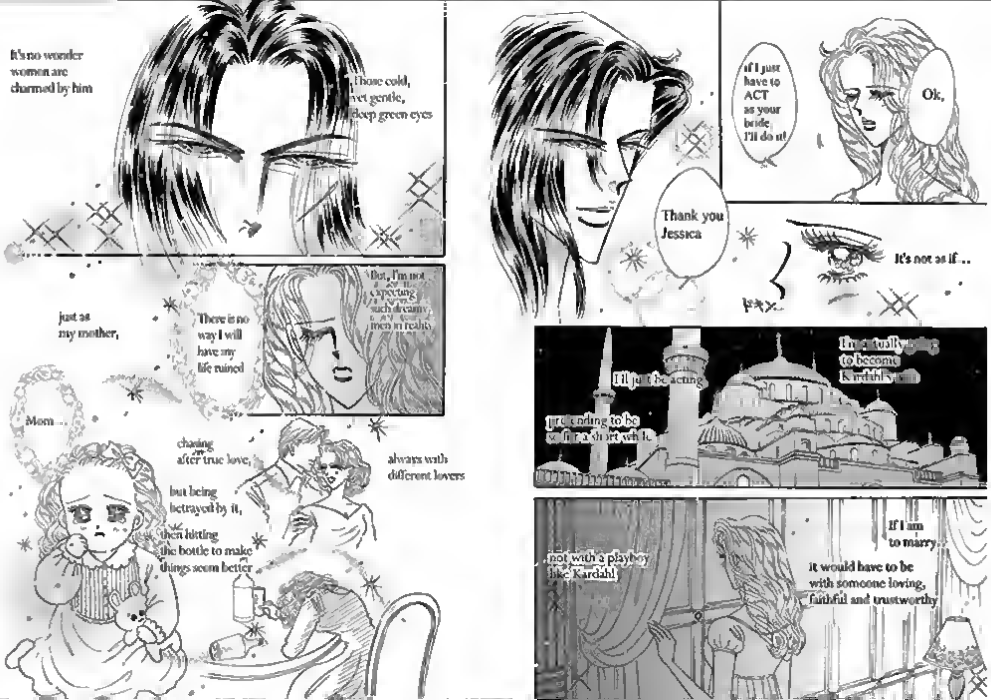
not exactly
and worry about any explanations after
It seems as if the messenger wished to please the king first,
With your signature
He got what they were looking for
No,
So he lied?

Kardahl
Did you sign them as well?
How about you...?

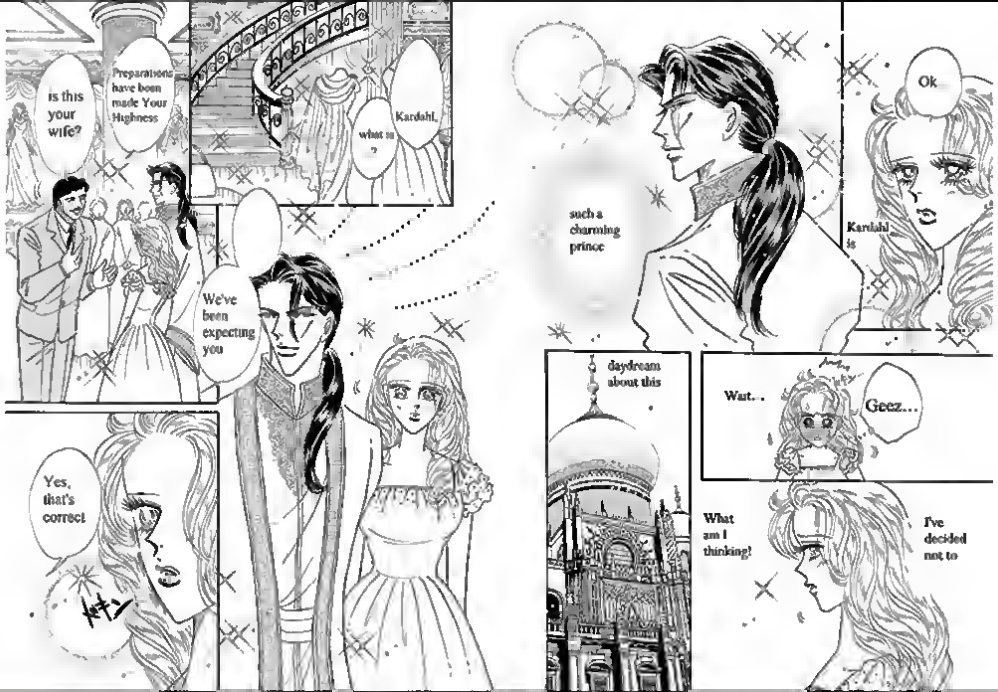
But if I had known this dealt with marriage,
I wouldn't have signed those papers

So, at that point my parents remembered their promise with your deceased mother's grandfather
a promise for their second son to marry your mom's child, if a girl was born
Your father the King, surely must feel his pride has been damaged
Sir...
he sees marriage as the best option
To fix my scandalous image,
If I would have known all the details, I probably would have refused
Yes, without even asking how you would feel about it
So that's why you've been searching for me
Why didn't you marry before?
it's as if he's been denied, rejected
These disillusioned eyes
Well I wonder why
It doesn't bother me if you feel that way
Yeah
Once you marry, you'd lose the freedom of being a playboy, right?

Gotcha
and until the cancellation procedures are completed
but only from when I meet my relatives,
Huh?
Ok
It might take a little time
This can be called off?
OK, let's make preparations to cancel all of this.
But I need to ask you for one favor
Whatever the reason may be,
I'm so grateful I could come here and meet my relatives
even if it is short-lived
People will forget about the scandals for some time
Talk of marriage for the royal family is favorable,
While you're here,
please act as if you are my wife

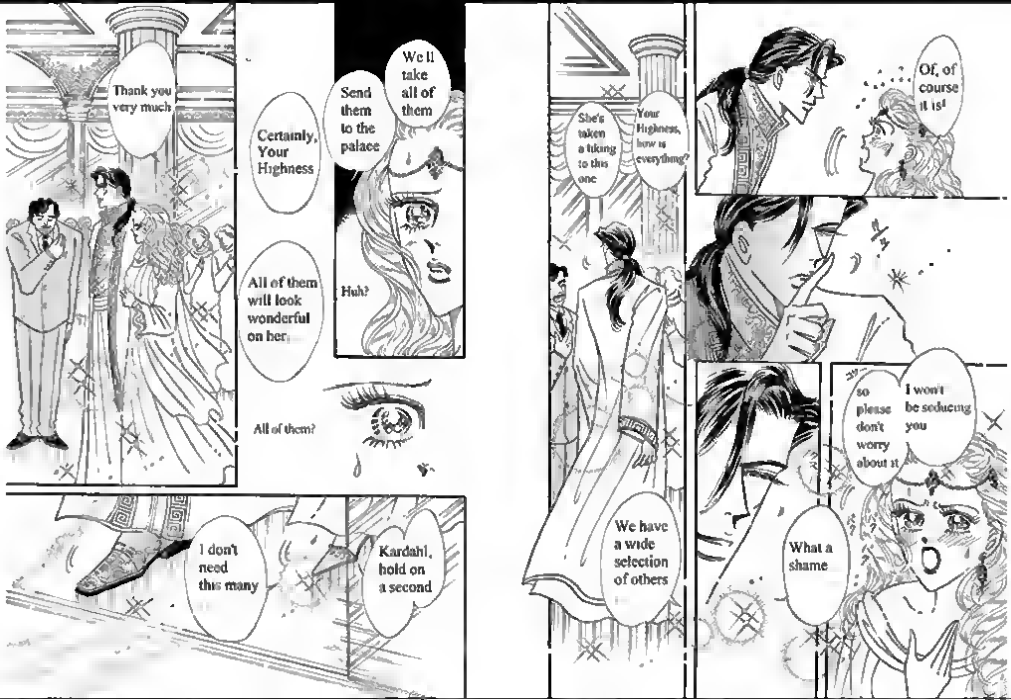

It's no wonder women are charmed by him
Those cold, yet gentle, deep green eyes
just as my mother,
There is no way I will have my life ruined
But, I'm not expecting such dreamy men in reality
Mom ...
chasing after true love,
but being betrayed by it,
then hitting the bottle to make things seem better
always with different lovers
Thank you Jessica
if I just have to ACT as your bride, I'll do it!
Ok,
It's not as if ..
I'll just be acting
pretending to be with a short whit
I'm actually going to become Kardahl's wife
not with a playboy like Kardahl
If I am to marry ...
it would have to be with someone loving, faithful and trustworthy

I slept very well thanks to you
Good morning Kardahl
Yes...
Did you sleep good?
ドキン
That's great
After you've had breakfast
I'd like to take you someplace
Good morning Jessica
I don't want to end up like my mother!

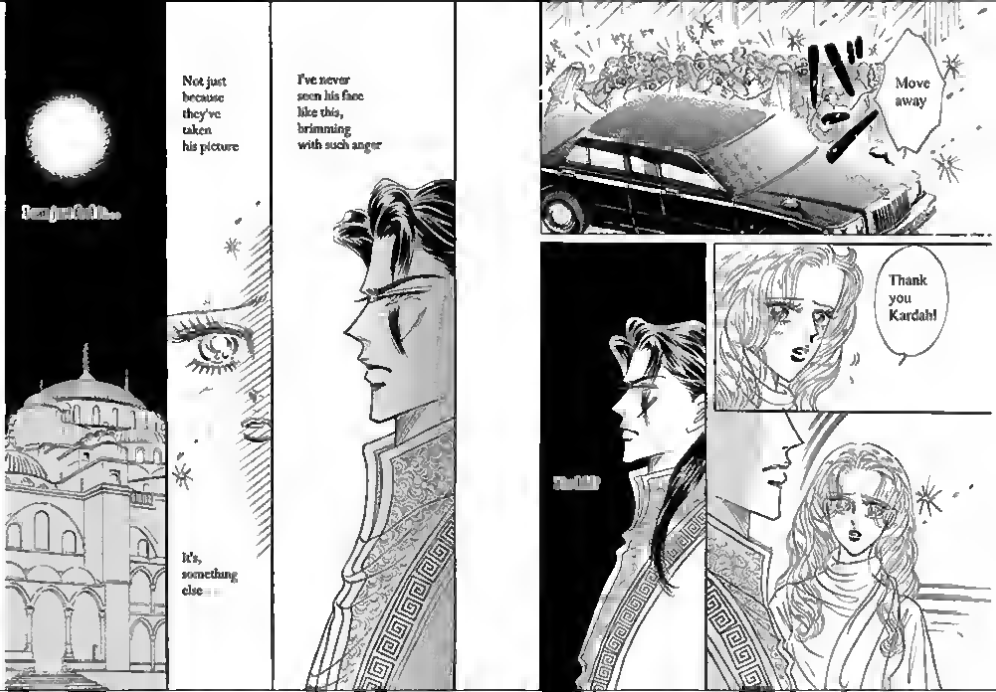

is this your wife?
Preparations have been made Your Highness
Kardahl
what is ?
We've been expecting you
Yes, that's correct
such a charming prince
Ok
Kardahl is
daydream about this
What am I thinking!
Wait..
Geez...
I've decided not to

I wonder if I'll be alright
I'm starting to feel so anxious, unnerved
Once you've changed, please come out
I hope the cancellation process
will begin soon...
It looks wonderful madam!
I've prepared your garments, please try them on
Well
ok...!
Kardahl
Thank you
Well, what a beautiful lady!
I'm his wife Jessica.
Congratulations on your marriage
Nice to meet you
press... conference ...!?
for tomorrow's press conference
I've asked them to prepare your dress

Requirement?
A requirement for us to cancel our marriage
What is it?
Is that ok?
We must never share the same bed
Kardahl
Jessica
How ... beautiful
I forgot to tell you something very important


Thank you very much
Certainly, Your Highness
All of them will look wonderful on her
All of them?
Send them to the palace
We'll take all of them
Huh?
I don't need this many
Kardahl, hold on a second
She's taken a liking to this one
Your Highness, how is everything?
We have a wide selection of others
Of, of course it is!
What a shame
so please don't worry about it
I won't be seducing you

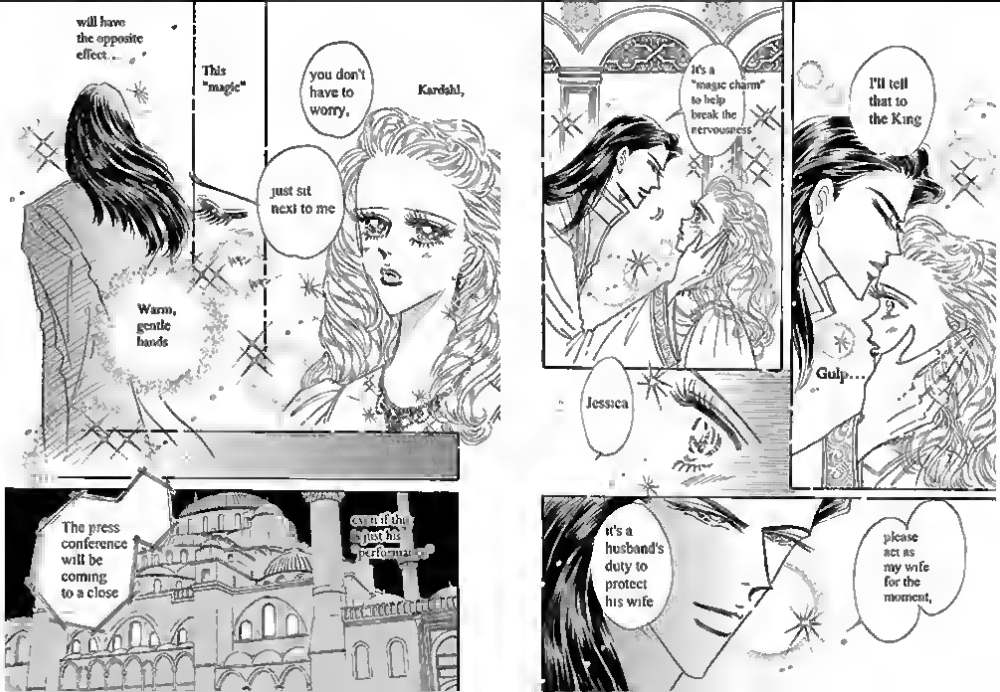
Your Highness
Just one comment please
Kardahl
Your new lover?
Your Highness, who is the lady?
Click
How did you meet Prince Kardahl?

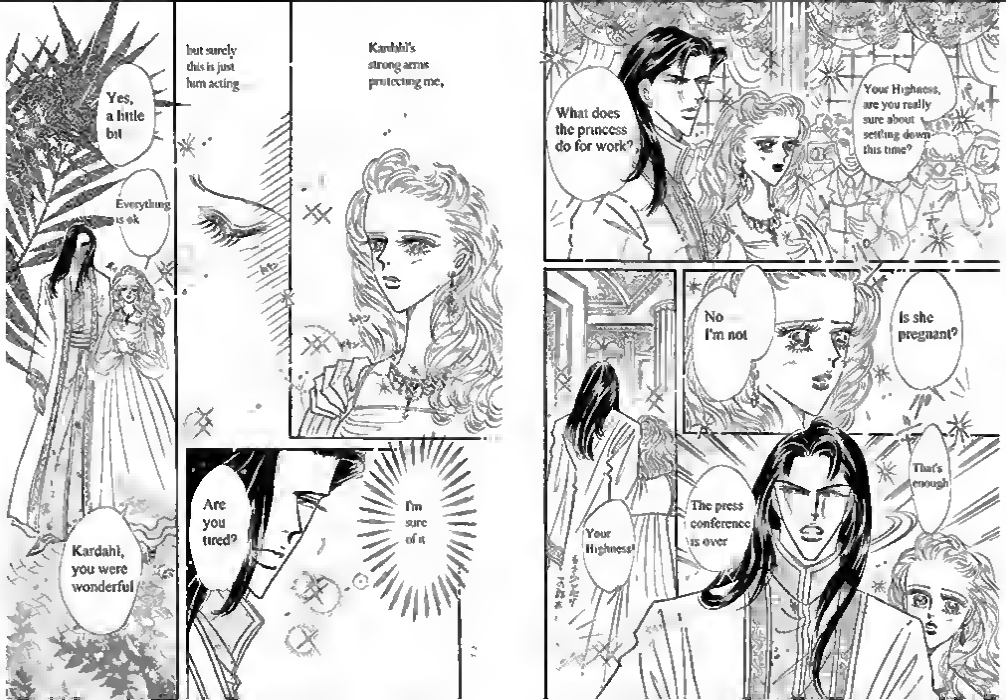

Not just because they've taken his picture
It's, something else
I've never seen his face like this, brimming with such anger
Move away
Thank you Kardah!

Thanks to this I've been able to meet relatives
No, actually
I never knew I had
I'm very sorry about this incident
Kardahl
Members of my entourage will be punished
I'm so happy you found me
I'm so greatful Your Majesty, and to the Queen as well
Thank you
I'm so sorry.
We've heard from Kardahl
Yes..
you insist on going back home?
Jessica was deceived into marrying me
Father
but you can continue that here
I have my work as a social worker, and

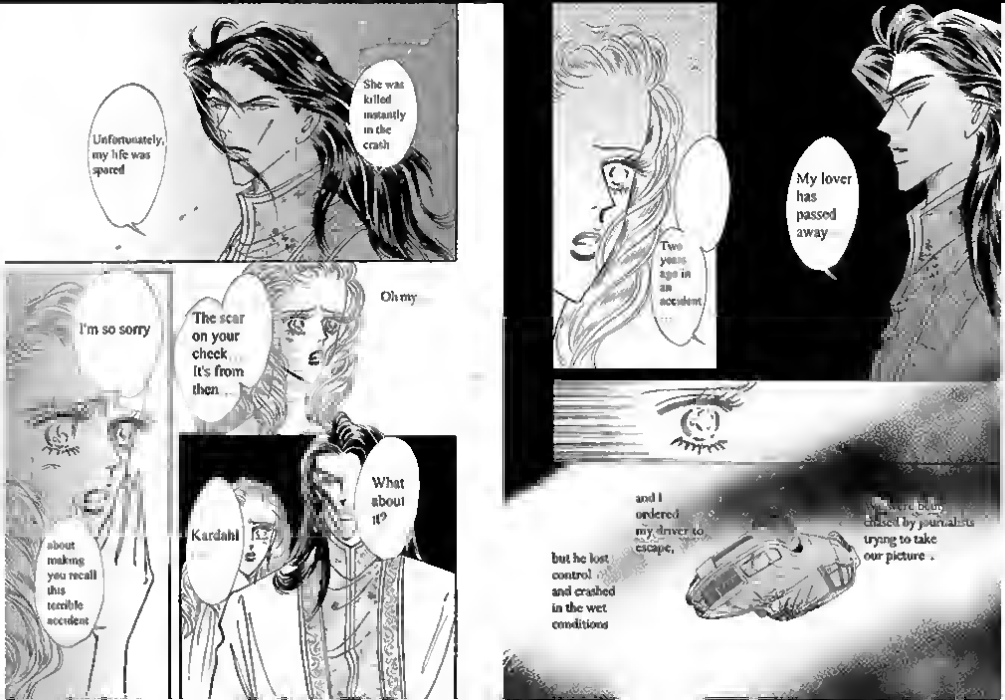
Thus is troublesome
how long will you continue to live in the past?
You'll never end up being happy this way
Kardahl has ...
not again...
no desire to seek happiness.
Jessica, please think the marriage over one more time
The press conference will begin shortly
Excuse me
Jessica
Kardahl

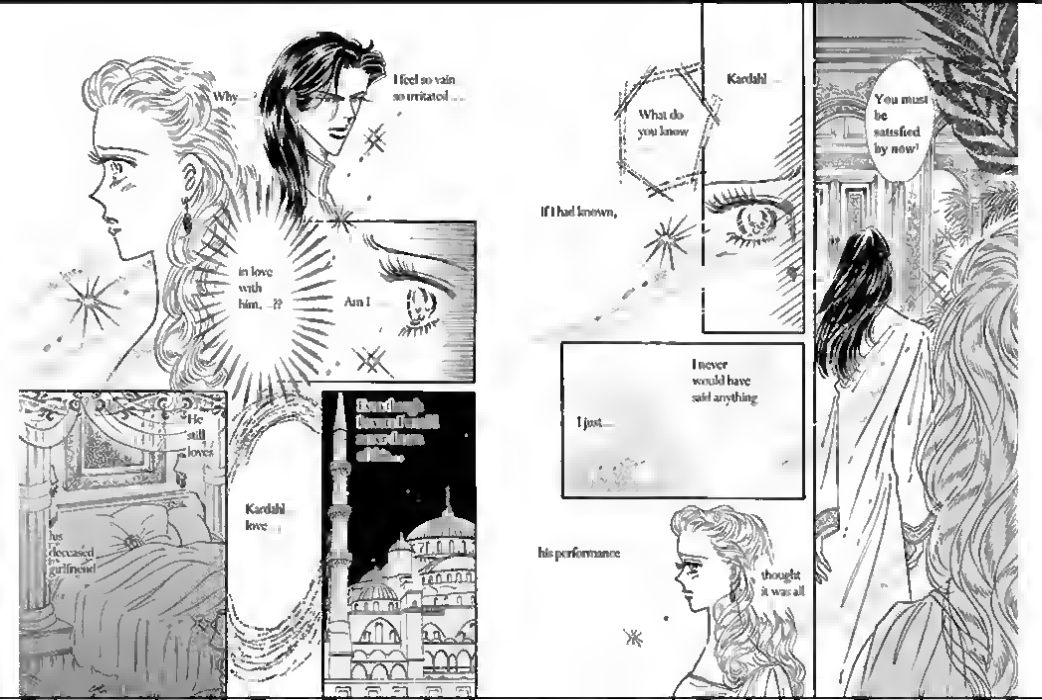
If they were to have a family...
Well...
He has a wife and three children
Just give him a serious warning, that would be enough
If that's the case, he can't be fired
Will it affect your status?
Holding this press conference and then calling the marriage off later
My PR Director will take care of everything
You don't have to worry about me
Kardahl
What is it?
What about them?
what about the people who will be punished?
Also,

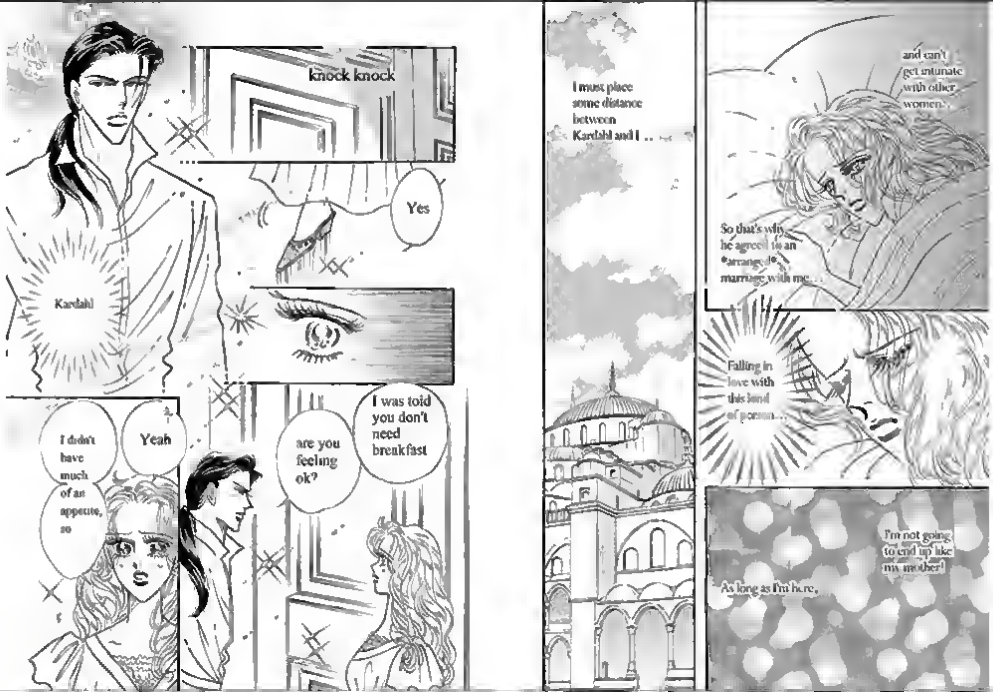

will have the opposite effect...
This "magic"
you don't have to worry,
Kardahl,
just sit next to me
Warm, gentle hands
it's a "magic charm" to help break the nervousness
I'll tell that to the King
Gulp...
Jessica
The press conference will be coming to a close
it's a husband's duty to protect his wife
please act as my wife for the moment,


Yes, a little bit
Everything is ok
Kardahl, you were wonderful
but surely this is just hurn acting
Kardahl's strong arms protecting me,
Are you tired?
I'm sure of it
What does the princess do for work?
Your Highness, are you really sure about settling down this time?
Your Highness!
No I'm not
Is she pregnant?
The press conference is over
That's enough

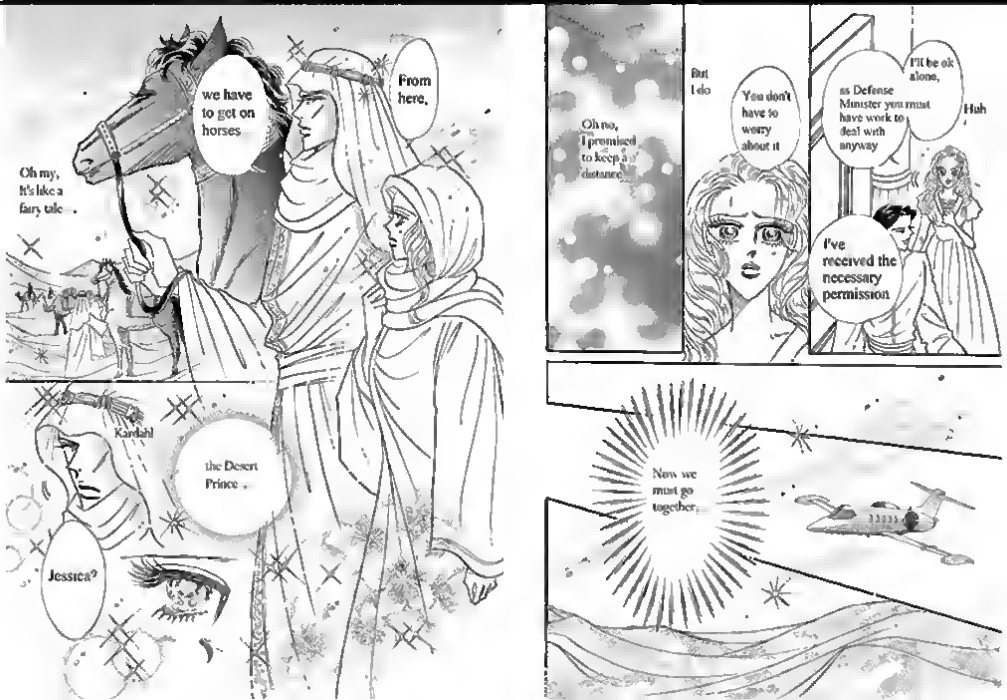
Well why don't you marry
the person you love the most?
If so, why don't we quit this fake wedding,
What
would YOU know about this?
as National Defense Minister
Actually this is part of my work
I've done this many a time
You really must be used to dealing with the press
Why am I getting upset
I...
Just as used to being with many women?
Even if I tell you my mission takes precedence over finding pleasure
I can't
you probably won't believe me, eh?
And you still have time to flirt, and have that many scandals
It's truly amazing
I didn't have any intention to say this...


My lover has passed away
Two years ago in an accident
and I ordered my driver to escape,
but he lost control and crashed in the wet conditions
were both chased by journalists trying to take our picture .
She was killed instantly in the crash
Unfortunately, my life was spared
Oh my
The scar on your cheek It's from then ..
What about it?
Kardahl
I'm so sorry
about making you recall this terrible accident


Why...?
I feel so vain so irritated...
in love with him...??
Am I
He still loves
his deceased girlfriend
Kardahl love...
Kardahl...
What do you know
If I had known,
I never would have said anything
I just...
You must be satisfied by now!
his performance
thought it was all


knock knock
Yes
Kardahl
I didn't have much of an appetite, so
Yeah
are you feeling ok?
I was told you don't need breakfast
I must place some distance between Kardahl and I ...
and can't get intimate with other women...
So that's why he agreed to an *arranged* marriage with me...
Falling in love with this kind of person...
I'm not going to end up like my mother!
As long as I'm here,

Yes the younger sister of your mom
Your aunt is married to the chief of the Bha'Khar Desert
The nomads
I'd love to, right away!
I promised to introduce you
and will take full responsibilty
Um ?
You'll come too?
Of course
We'll depart first thing tomorrow morning
Gotcha
Talking to you that way I'm sorry
No. I should be the one apologazing
I'm so sorry about last night
um .
Really !?
you can see them whenever you'd like
Preparations have been made so that you may visit your relatives
I bring some good news with my apology


Oh my, It's like a fairy tale...
we have to get on horses
From here,
Kardahl
the Desert Prince...
Jessica?
Oh no, I promised to keep a distance
But I do
You don't have to worry about it
I'll be ok alone,
as Defense Minister you must have work to deal with anyway
Huh
I've received the necessary permission
Now we must go together.

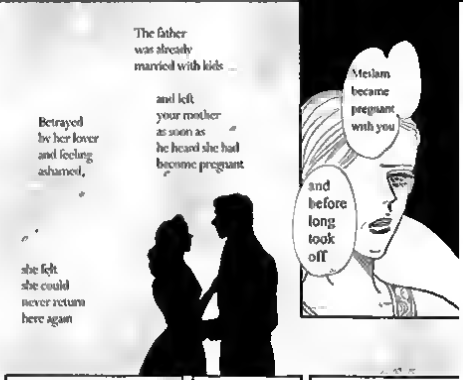
Hold on tight
Oh my
I can hear my own heartbeat
Huh...?
Wait a second
Ah!
Put your leg in here
then get on like this
It's the first time I've SEEN a horse
Are you seriously asking me that question?
Gotcha
Is this your first time riding a horse?
Is there something?
Ah

This is..?
Yes,
So, you're Jessica?
Sister of your mother Meilan
I'm Amina
Really I don't know
what to say at all
Your smile it looks so much like your mother's
It's so nice to meet you too!
I'm so happy to meet you
I hope Kardahl can't hear it
Thank you so much
Your Highness you've come from so far away

I found out about the marriage in the newspaper
I was so delighted
In finding Jessica, and hearing she would fulfill her father's promise through marriage
It's no wonder why we couldn't find her ..
You were searching for my mom all this time?
Of course
Actually The news of our marriage is fake
Aunt Amma
I don't know how to explain
changed her name to Mary in America
Your mother Meilam
Ok
You don't have to cry
I'm just so happy
I'm sorry he couldn't make it
Thank you
Please tell him not to worry
My husband has been away for the past few weeks with the tribe
and I suddenly received the news you'd be making a visit

The both of you must be tired from your long journey
Well.. Please relax and take it easy
Thank you Jessica.

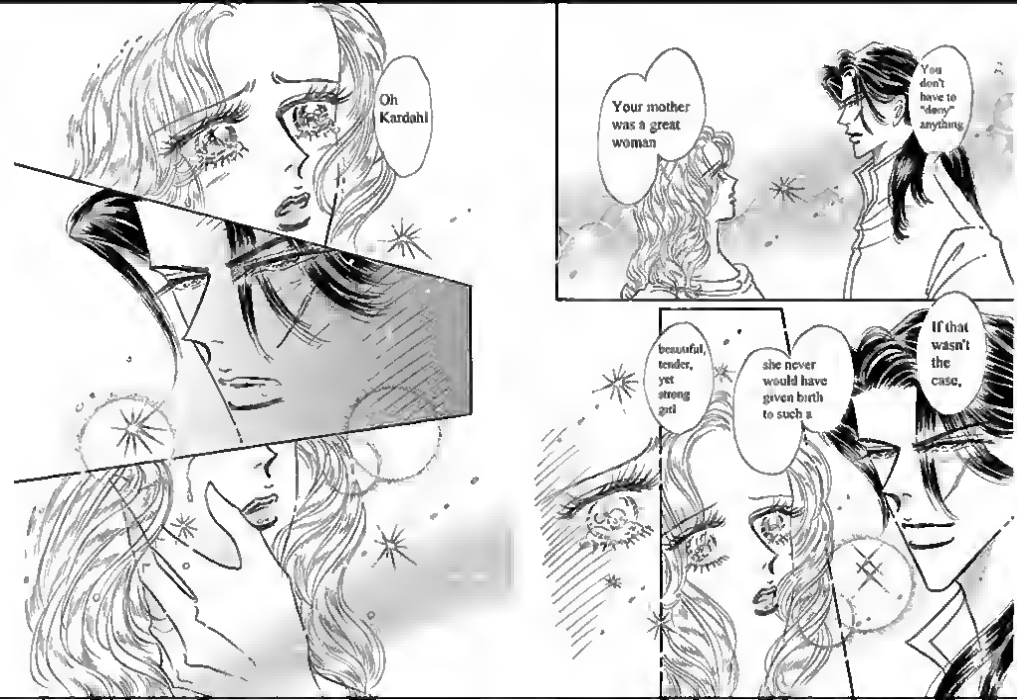
your uncle must have made all these preparations
Because we're "newly married".
It's quite desolate out here


The father was already married with kids ...
and left your mother as soon as he heard she had become pregnant
Betrayed by her lover and feeling ashamed,
she felt she could never return here again
Meslam became pregnant with you
and before long took off

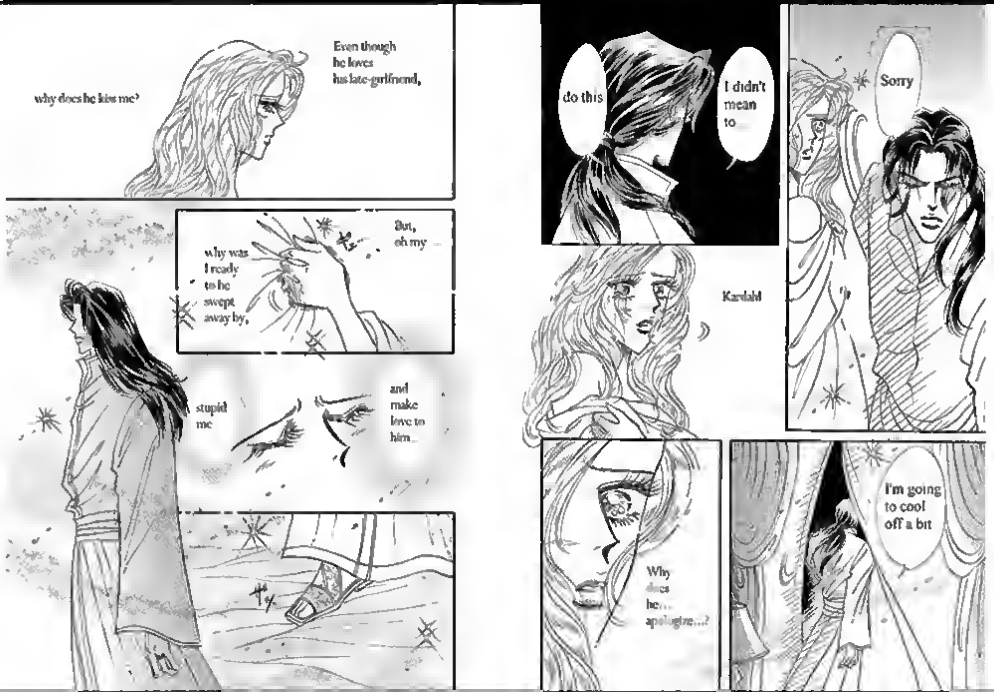
I'm so glad I now know the truth
No it doesn't matter
I didn't want to inform you of this depressing affair, but
She didn't tell me any of this.
Mom

My mother told me she never married
and I know she was betrayed by men her entire life
Thank you for caring about me but I'm not hurt
Everything is fine
Kardahl
My father was just as I had imagined him
Oh Jessica
I always wanted to be loved by my mother,
but I didn't want to grow up and become her
However, I could never deny these facts

I kind of regret taking you here
quite a bit
Yes, I see there's only one bed
Jessica
Your mother didn't want you to know about your terrible father and all of this.
but now you do
Why ?


Oh Kardahl
Your mother was a great woman
You don't have to "deny" anything
If that wasn't the case,
she never would have given birth to such a
beautiful, tender, yet strong girl

Kardahl
Kardahl


why does he kiss me?
Even though he loves his late-girlfriend,
But, oh my...
why was I ready to be swept away by,
stupid me
and make love to him...
do this
I didn't mean to...
Sorry
Kardahl
Why does he... apologize...?
I'm going to cool off a bit

No, you sleep on the bed
I'll be fine here
I can't let you sleep here
Jessica
What are you doing?
You take the bed,
I'll sleep here
We can both use the bed
Ok

She wishes for the marriage to be cancelled...
That is the only way
I too,
must have true feelings for her
I can't help this...
Why can't I ..
hold back these feelings of passion for her
Why??

he stays true to only one woman
with that kind,
sweet heart of his...
still holding all those memories of pain...
Oh, that's right
I'm quite used to sleeping next to women
Kardahl
It would have been better off that way
the "Playboy Prince" too
The truth is...

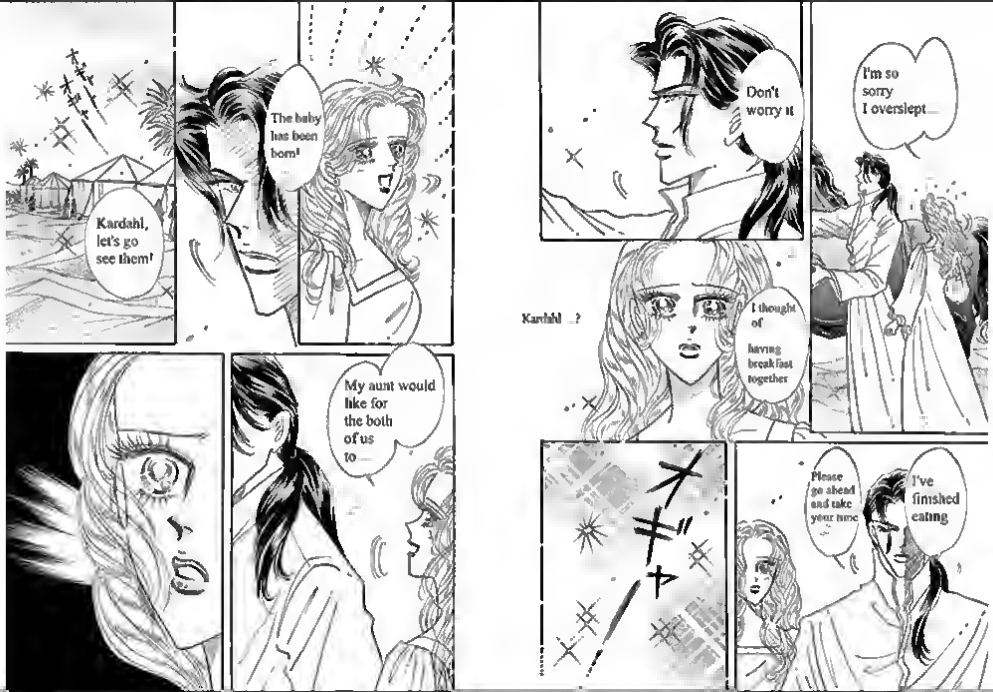
I almost couldn't
contain myself
this is the first time I couldn't fall asleep by a woman's side
I can't believe

Can I see them later?
Of course, please go together with His Majesty

Kardah!

Have you seen Kardah!?
His Majesty is tending to the horses
Good morning Jessica
Good morning Aunt Amina

Yes, it is the first time she's given birth
Really?
so he's helping the mother
Soon a pony will be born..
Is everything ok?

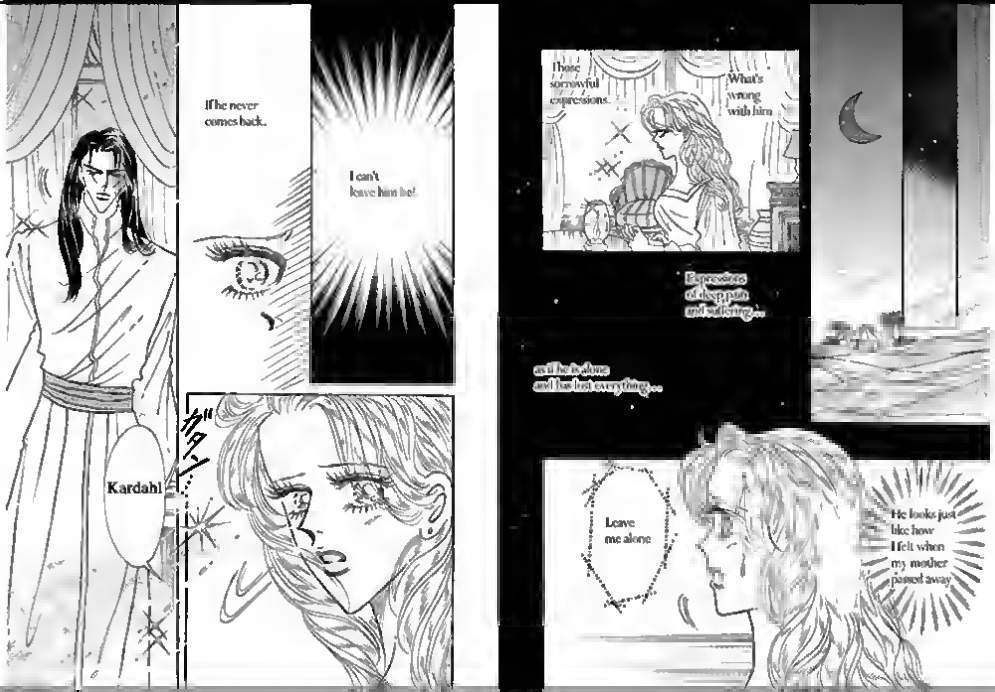

Kardahl, let's go see them!
The baby has been born!
My aunt would like for the both of us to...
Don't worry it
I'm so sorry I overslept...
Kardahl...?
I thought of having breakfast together
Please go ahead and take your time...
I've finished eating

Leave me alone
Wait... Kardahl!

Kardahl...

Kardahl ...?

What's wrong!?
He looks pale


If he never comes back.
I can't leave him be!
Kardah!
Those sorrowful expressions.
What's wrong with him.
Expressions of deep pain and suffering...
as if he is alone and has lost everything...
Leave me alone
He looks just like how I felt when my mother passed away

I'm here by your side
want you to know

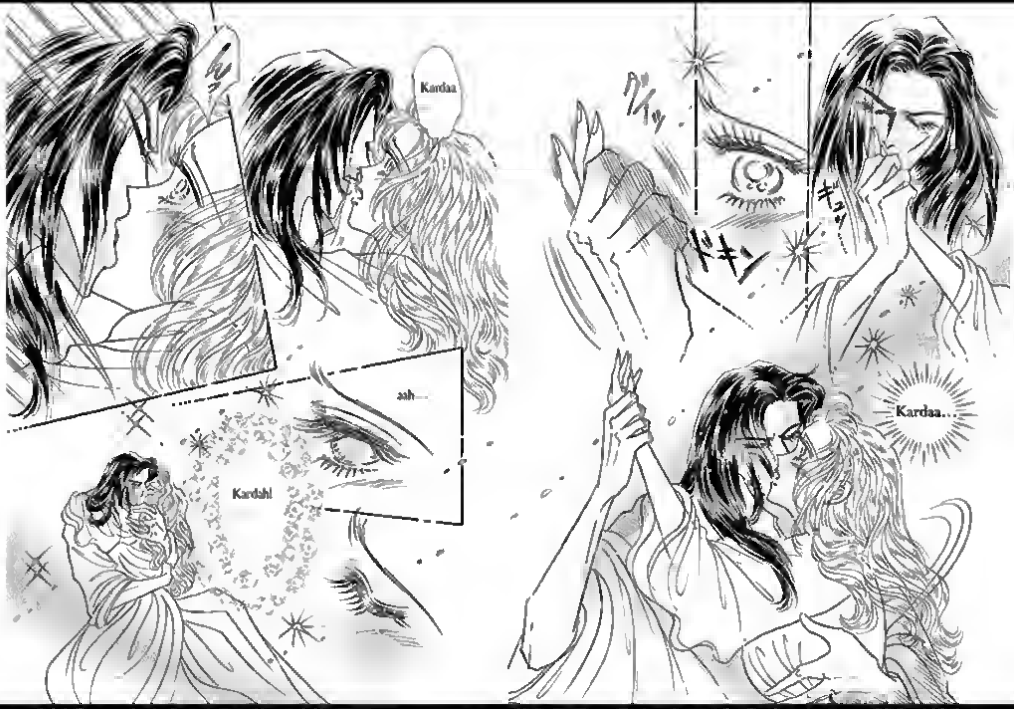
Just let me be

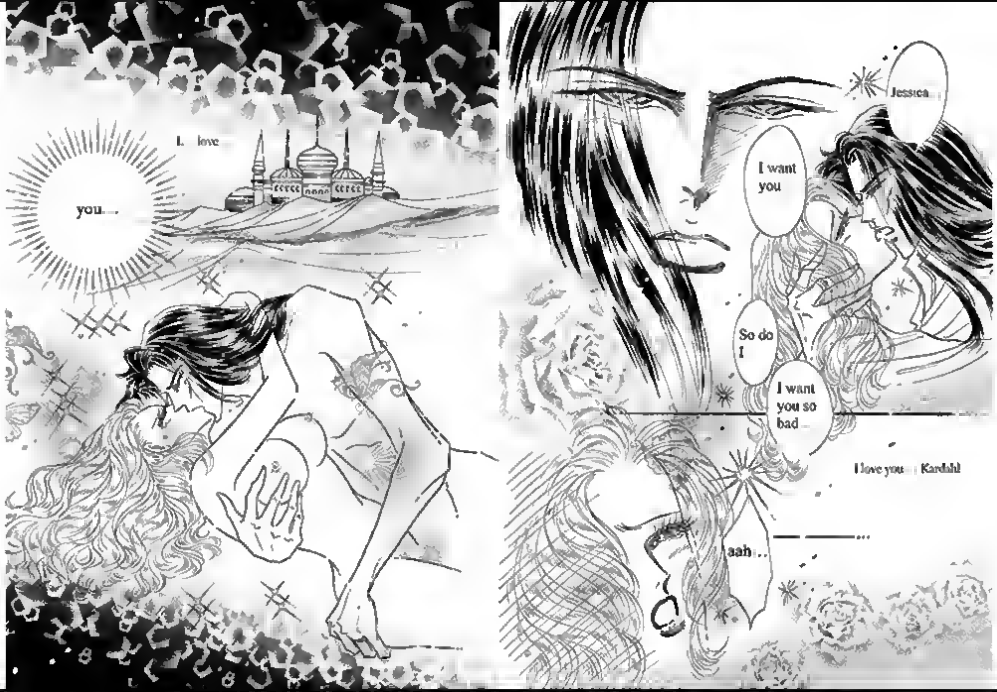
What happened?

Jessica
You're not alone

You don't have to say a word
I just

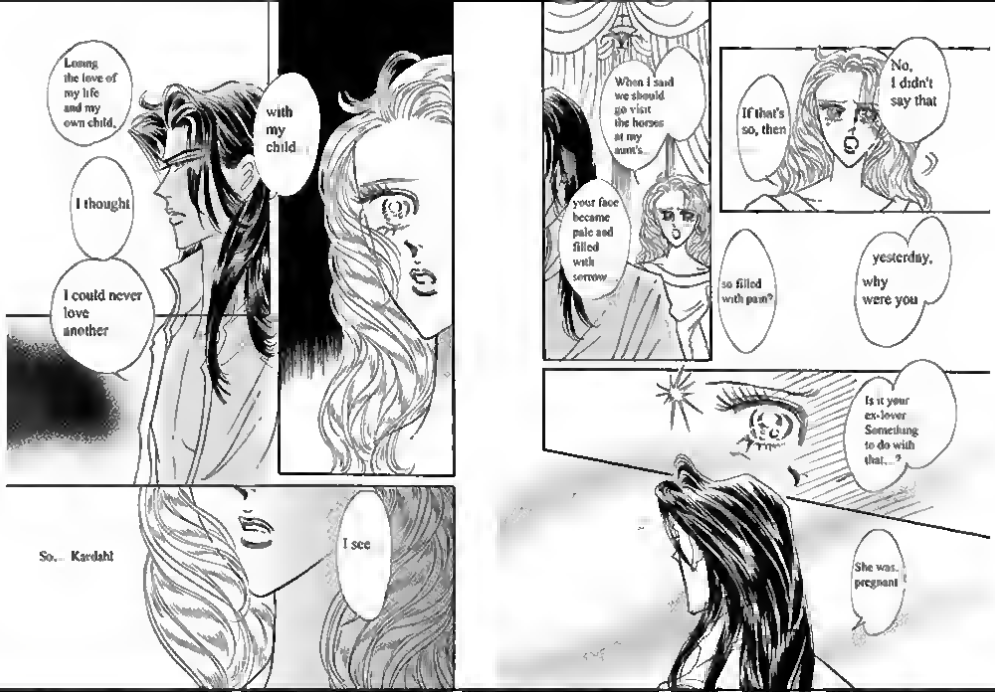
Ok


Kardaa
ash
Kardahl
Kardaa...


I... love
you...
Jessica...
I want you
So do I
I want you so bad...
I love you... Kardahl
aah...

Good morning Kardahl
Did I wake you up? Sorry
were a virgin?
Jessica so you. .
Jessica.

I would not have been that aggressive with you
If I would have known,
Ridding you of your pure, chastity through sin...
Through sin?
you're regretful
Why ?
Before things cannot be changed ...
If I knew This wouldn't have
Kardahl
Why didn't you tell me?
No, that's not it
I'm not up to your standards?
Because I've never been with a man...


Losing the love of my life and my own child,
with my child...
I thought
I could never love another
So... Kardahl
I see
When I said we should go visit the horses at my aunt's...
your face became pale and filled with sorrow
If that's so, then
No, I didn't say that
so filled with pain?
yesterday, why were you
Is it your ex-lover Something to do with that...?
She was... pregnant

I can ask for a divorce!
If so
I told you
What do you mean?
the marriage cannot be cancelled
If we share the same bed ?
What
What if you are pregnant with our child?
return back,
When we
I will leave the palace
he won't understand
That's out of the question
cancel our marriage, and head back to America
The marriage cannot be annulled
can't love others
No matter how much I love him

To think of giving birth to a child whose father is incapable of loving
I was wandering amidst a dark, black night ..
Under the hot, burning desert sunlight

you would never do that
Take care Jessica
How cruel ..

Thank you
Please take care Your Majesty
You too Auntie

A child of the Royal Family

I'm quite sure I'm not pregnant
I'm fine

I'm worried about YOU
Jessica

you don't even love me
Come in
Don't be nice to me

Jessica

Come inside
You'll catch a cold standing there

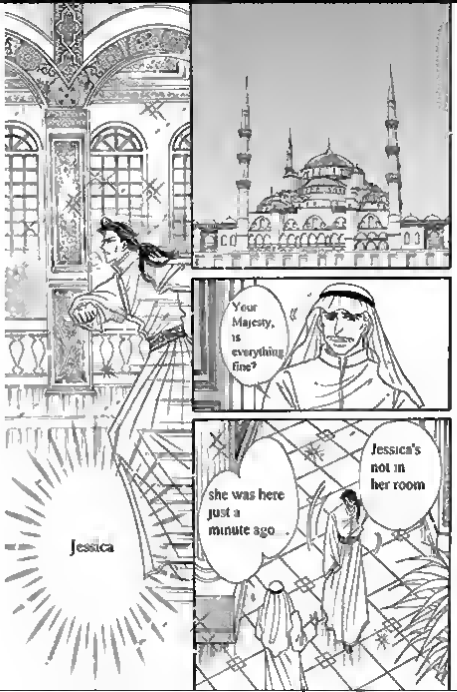
So... I'd like to move forward with the divorce
I'm not pregnant
I see
No...
So you can't find happiness in Bha'Khar, not in this palace?
I want to go back to America
You really didn't think I held a job?
So, this is where you work
I guess it was my mistake then
News about the baby?
I have to tell you something urgent
I didn't think you'd come all the way here to see me

All I wish for is
just one thing
I can't stay with you if you can't even love me
to be loved by someone who loves me
that's all

and truly feel sorry for you
I understand your pain and suffering
Kardahl
I can't find happiness with you
That your loving heart is lost
But you said
you will never love anyone else

you love me?
バタン
トン トン
ガチャ
Kardahl
I slept with you because...
I love you!
Jessica!
Jessica

I don't want to send her back to America
Kardahl, how do you feel about her?
Kardahl, for how much longer do you need to be bound by the past?
You'll just end up losing another lover
if so, why don't you be honest and tell her?
You must have strong feelings for her
The last lady I told I loved her passed away
I can't do those things
This is the first time I've seen you like this
Surely that beauty who just passed by her something to do with this
I just got back from my business trip.
Malik!
why such a sad face?
Her name is Jessica
She was crying ..
I see .
and?


Jessica
Your Majesty, is everything fine?
she was here just a minute ago
Jessica's not in her room

I can tell how much she means to you
Just by looking at your face...
If I tell Jessica
you're fine with that??
Kardahl
Malik
If you don't tell her now you'll end up regretting it for the rest of your life

I can't stay here
Stay by my side
Jessica, don't go
I love you Jessica
Kardahl...?
Jessica!
After saying those things,
I'm leaving
what's with the luggage?

I wasn't more gentle with you
I just regretted that
When I heard it was your first time.
I see
Kardahl
I love you so much
Really ?
Being your first time
I couldn't have been happier it was with me
Yes Jessica
but you've revived me
Are you ?
Yes, my heart was all but dying.
that night, you slept with me because you said you love me
I never thought I would love another,
I... I thought you regretted making love to me...?
I don't want to let you go

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To be continued in Brothers of Bha'Khar II

We're already married! Hehe
I really want you as my wife
Your smile makes me feel so happy
Of course Kardahl, I love you too
Jessica, please answer me
Oh Kardahl
All my life, I swear to love you, and only you
My lovely Jessica

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